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Title: Compression Bone Staple,)	
<u>Apparatus And Method</u>)	

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37CFR 1.121) mailed February 19, 2004, Applicants resubmit the Amendment in response to the Non-Final Office action of November 7, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.